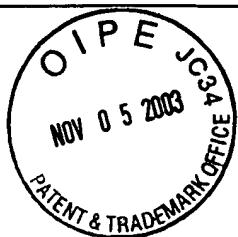


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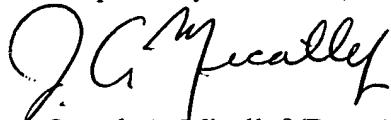
The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c);
2. an Amended Appellants' Brief with Appendix A (in triplicate); and
3. a return postcard.

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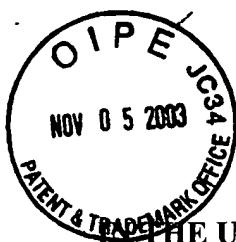
In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16602.003. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JAG Micallef".

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In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed
October 7, 2003, Appellants submit the attached Amended Appellants' Brief *in triplicate*.

The Appellants' Brief was amended to comply with the Examiner's request
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